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SUBJ: MTN AGRICULTURE SUBGROUP AND OTHER SUBGROUP CHARMEN

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1. INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL ARRIVED FORTUITOUSLY WHILE
RODNEY GREY, HEAD OF GOC MTN GENEVA DEL, WAS IN OTTAWA
FOR CONSULTATIONS AND EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO COMMUNICATE
U.S. VIEWS TO EXTAFF IN TIME FOR THEM TO BE DISCUSSED
WITH GREY.

2. MAY 20, FOWLER, COMMERCIAL POLICY DIVISION, EXTAFF,
GAVE EMBASSY RUNDOWN ON GOC THINKING ON SUBGROUP
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CHAIRMANSHIP QUESTIONS:

A. AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE, GOC WILL LEAVE ITS GENEVA DEL DISCRETION TO DEAL WITH THESE QUESTIONS AS IT BELIEVES BEST. OTTAWA MAY EXPRESS VIEWS BUT DELEGATION WILL HAVE FINAL DECISION "BECAUSE IT MUST LIVE WITH IT."

B. WITHIN ABOVE FRAMEWORK GOC SUPPORTS U.S. APPROACH THAT CHAIRMAN SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY COME FROM SECRETARIAT BUT SHOULD BE BEST PERSON AVAILABLE.

C. GOC BELIEVES PARROTE WOULD BE "VERY GOOD" CHAIRMAN FOR GRAINS SUBGROUP ALTHOUGH IT UNDERSTANDS THERE IS SOME DOUBT AS TO HIS AVAILABILITY. PATTERSON WOULD BE SUITABLE INTERIM CHAIRMAN. GOC UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE IS SOME SUPPORT FOR LUQ OF SECRETARIAT, BUT COULD SEE WHY U.S. MIGHT OBJECT TO CHAIRMAN WITH EC BACKGROUND.

D. FALCONER OF NEW ZEALAND WOULD BE FINE AS CHAIRMAN OF MEAT SUBGROUP.

D. GOC HAS NO SUGGESTIONS FOR DAIRY SUBGROUP BUT WOULD SUPPORT QUALIFIED CANDIDATE.

3. FOWLER VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS RE NON-AGRICULTURAL SUBGROUPS:

A. GOC UNDERSTANDS HEAD OF INDIAN DELEGATION HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AS CHAIRMAN OF QR SUBGROUP. HE IS "A GOOD MAN" AND GOC WOULD BE HAPPY WITH HIM.

B. PERCY EASTHAM OF CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON IS UNDER CONSIDERATION AS CHAIRMAN OF SUBGROUP ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS EVEN THOUGH HE IS NOT GENEVA-BASED. GOC THINKS HE WOULD BE GOOD CHOICE ALTHOUGH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON WILL NOT BE PLEASED TO HAVE EASTHAM DIVIDING HIS TIME.

C. GOC HAS NO FIRM VIEWS ON CHAIRMANSHIPS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBGROUPS ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AND ON CUSTOMS PROCEDURES.

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT OTTAWA HAS GIVEN ROD GREY CARTE BLANCHE IN THIS AREAS. SUGGEST U. S. MTN DEL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH HIM ON SUBGROUP CHAIRMANSHIPS. PORTER

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